

Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.

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Federal Communications Commission
CC Docket No. 02-6 Schools and Libraries Program
Appeal of Invoice Received Later than Invoice Acceptable End Date
Madison County Telephone Company, Inc. SPIN 143002265

November 28, 2016

Dear Commission,

Madison County Telephone Company, Inc. (MCTC) participates in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Fund support mechanism with SPIN number 143002265. MCTC provisions both phone and Internet circuits for schools and libraries throughout the county of Madison in Arkansas.

This appeal request directly relates to the Schools and Libraries Program Remittance Statement received by MCTC on November 14, 2016, in which \$7,467.37 was rejected as Invoice Received Later than Invoice Acceptable End Date, and is identified as Attachment (A), with supporting documentation from the three (3) following sources: County of Madison, Billed Entity Number – 16076636, 471 Application Number - 1011601, Funding Request Number – 2745627, identified as Attachment (B); Huntsville School, Billed Entity Number – 139677, 471 Application Number – 1043103 and 1042541, Funding Request Number – 2843920 and 2842138, identified as Attachment (C); and Jasper School District, Billed Entity Number – 139653, 471 Application Number – 100613 and 998034, Funding Request Number – 2732625 and 2731783, identified as Attachment (D).

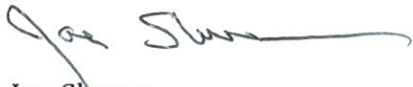
MCTC states the reason for the delay and prays the Commission grant this appeal. Arkansas Telecommunications and Internet Services has been in a state of disarray for several years due to the State's decision to change to a single provider, through the Department of Information Services (DIS), from the schools receiving funding directly from the Service providers throughout the state. This action has caused indecision and delays in the processing of funding requests thru USAC. This action has caused confusion to the service providers in what to file and when to file due to so many errors in submissions sent in by DIS. Now, coupled with the new processes implemented by USAC, with their website and electronic new notification systems, all of which has caused miss-filings by Service Providers as well as Billed Entities,

and has lead to MCTC being confused on some of their filings and due dates. An example of one of these miss-filings is provided in Attachment (E).

All of these actions listed above were the reason for the delay in submitting the invoice for reimbursement. Again, MCTC prays for the Commission to grant this appeal and to direct USAC to release payment for the amount withheld of \$7,467.37.

Questions concerning this appeal can be addressed to Madison County Telephone Company, Inc. Attn: Julie Thompson, Drawer D, Huntsville, AR 72740, phone number - 479-738-2121, email address - Juliet@madisoncounty.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Shrum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Shrum
President - Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.